# Lansing Asks Britain for "Secret Orders" to Armed Ships MONEY TO LOAD

# WILSON ACTS ON CHARGE MADE IN GERMAN NOTE

England Gets Chance to Explain Orders to Merchantmen.

#### BRITISH EMBASSY ISSUES STATEMENT

Contradicts, in Appeal to American Public, Assertion in German Memorandum.

States has asked Great Britain for a copy of the confidential instructions to commanders of British merchant wassels, which Germany asserts prove that merchantmen armed estensibly forced on February 18, 1915, as an act From both the White House and the for defensive purposes have orders to act offensively against German and Britain. Austrian submarines. The request is unarmed understood to have been made to-day through Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British

This is the first step the United States has taken since Administration officials began studying the complete memorandum, in which Germany announced its intention to treat as warsubmitted by Count von Bernstorff.

There were strong intimations tonight that the British government later would receive an opportunity to answer all the German charges, and to comment on the twenty incidents in the

termined upon as a means of gaining an accurate understanding of the British position. The State Department wants to know definitely under just what instructions British sea captains now are operating, so that it will be in a positional position of many innocent merchant vessels, foreign as well as British.

"The Wilhelmina, with a cargo of foodstuffs for Hamburg, was stopped only after the German cruisers had destruction of many innocent merchant vessels, foreign as well as British. operating, so that it will be in a position to carry on future diplomatic ne-

#### German Version Differs.

The British government already has given out for publication a copy of instructions said to have been issued to the commanders of British merchantmen. The German version of the contents, as submitted to the State Department, is materially different. The State Department has no official knowledge of the British version, although officials have read with interest the press dispatches containing the instructions as given out in London for publication.

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Pending receipt of the copy of the instructions asked for, the State Department, it was said, will not consider the question of whether the British government, as charged by Germany, has violated the assurances given during the early days of the war in regard to the peaceful character which would be assumed by British merchantmen. It is considered unlikely, too, that there will be any further negotiations on the subject with Germany until after a reply has been received from Great British.

British Statement Issued.

Pointing out that Germany's illegal attacks on merchant ships began months before the issuance of the continued of the present American situation." Says "The Times" editorially, "is that, it is in account of executive domination of Congress than from interference by Congress with the President.

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of a war zone around the British listes is shown to be without foundation Germany contended that as Great Britanin had already proclaimed a "danger zone," and had warned neutral shapping to avoid it, Germany's "submarine zone" was a legitimate reprisal. The embassy points out that the danger zone was proclaimed because Germany and sown mines on the high seas, contrary to international law, and had in this manner destroyed many innocent vessels, neutral as well as British.

British Statement Issued.

The British statement follows:

"The Amiral Ganteaume, with 2,000 ministration intended to warn American and children, was torpedeed and sunk by a German submarine on October 26, 1914. Two British merchant vessels were torpedeed without notice on January 30, and the British hospital ship Asturias fired at with a torpedo on February 1.

"The illegal acts complained of are apparently the non-acceptance of the London convention of 1909, the enlargement of the list of contraband, the warning to merchantmen as to

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was never ratified by the British government and was never binding on them. One of the reasons of the non-ratification of the convention was the claim of the German government as to the right to treat foodstuffs as contraband.

armed ships have acted offensively toward submarines of the Central Powers.

The inquiry to Great Britain was determined upon as a means of gaining an of many innocent merchant vessels of many innocent merchant vessels.

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McCumber Resolution Withdrawn.

marine campaign was said by the German memorandum yesterday to be a reprisal, the British Embassy made a public statement here to-day to discount the German document.

The British reply to-day was directed to the public. It followed the same course as the German memorandum, however, in that it was submitted to the State Department for approval before being made public.

The last prop has been knocked from under the German argument, in the opinion of many officials, by Ambassa dor Spring-Rice's reply to the charges of the German memorandum. His statement proves, they declare, that the plea of "reprisal" was merely an excuse trumped up long after the submarine campaign began, designed to divert the attention of neutrals from the lawlessness of submarines to the alleged depredations of the British. It is asserted the justification alleged by Germany for the declaration of a war zone around the British lakes is shown to be without foundation. Germany contended that as Great Britain had already proclaimed a "danger zone," and had warned neutral shipping for the Administration.

can citizens wil 'receive indirect but effective warning' not to take passage on armed merchantmen. The story is false from beginning to end. Nothing I have said could be construed as

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In the Senate to-day, Senator Mc-lumber, of North Dakota, withdrew his carning resolution. He said:

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dum of Germany's intention to sink armed merchantmen without warning is in violation of international law.

Issue in American Politics of the present American situation,"
says "The Times" editorially, "is that,
for almost the first time, foreign affairs have become the leading issue in
American politics.

British Refuse Banners Tinged

## **SCANDINAVIAN** PREMIERS MEET

Conference of Sweden, French's Friend Proves in Norway and Denmark to Discuss Neutrality.

of Royal Family at

Copenhagen, March 9 .- The first was devoted almost wholly to reception er-in-chief of the British ermy bly be made clear whether the minis- Chronicle." ters of the three northern countries

Scandinavian or through Swedish initiative, of a conference of neutral powers for the purpose of formulating plans to prepare for a lasting peace. In the debate M. Trygger, a party declared that such a conference be more harmful than useful,

# ndon, March 9 .- "A great feature UNION JACK MUST DIP

with American Product.

War or no war, the British Union Jacks must be colored with German dyes. Regardless of orders prohibiting the use of materials of enemy origin, flags in which American dyes are used are not acceptable - morcover, they lead Yesterday, in the Federal District

Court, the Syndicate Publishing Company, of 9 East Thirty-seventh Street, sued John C. Dettra & Co., a Pennsylvania concern, for losses sustained when flags manufactured under contract by the defendant company were refused by the British government because American dyes had been used. The publishing company has a contract to supply England several hundred thousand Union Jacks and gave the Pennsylvania company a sub-contract with the specification that German dyes be used. The first consignment of 12,400 flags arrived in Canada, bound for England, last July, and after being examined were sent back to Pennsylvania. A breach of contract suit was brought against the publishers, and the new action is a counterpany, of 9 East Thirty-seventh Street,

suit was brought against the publishers, and the new action is a counterclaim for damages.

Dettra & Co. contend that the contractors knew there was a shortage of German dyes in this country and that it was understood that if the shortage continued American colors were to be used. The Syndicate Publishing Company denies such an agreement.

## SUBMARINE E-2 GOES **OUT OF COMMISSION**

Fatal Laboratory of Edison Battery To Be Put in Storage.

The submarine E-2, on which a fatal explosion occurred on January 15, is to be put out of commission, according to orders received at the New York Navy Yard yesterday. At the yard it was said that all the machinery would be taken from the craft. The hull will be put in storage with enough repairing to prevent deterioration.

The E-2 had been the testing labora-

The E-2 had been the testing laboratory for the Edison submarine storage
battery at the time of the accident.
It is not believed the government will
discontinue its experiments with the
battery. Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison,
naval representative of the Edison
Storage Battery Company and a member of the Naval Consulting Board,
when asked if the contract between
the company and the government was
still in force and if the removal of the
E-2 would mean that no more experi-E-2 would mean that no more experi-ments with the battery would be made,

"Certainly not. The report on the verdict of the Court of Inquiry recommended that further experiments be undertaken, and I assume that they will be. I know nothing about the department's action in putting the E-2 out of commission, but I do know that the relations between the department and the Edison Storage Battery Company have not been changed."

## MOORE CLEARED OF SPY CHARGE

London Court He Didn't See Von Bernstorff.

### LIKELY TO CONSIDER WENT TO LONG ISLAND SEIZURE OF SHIPS TO VISIT ROOSEVELT

Officials Received by Members Receives Apology for Libel-Had Been Accused of Betraying Military Secrets.

London, March 9 .- An unusual sensameeting of the conference of the Pre- tion was caused in the Court of the miers and Foreign Ministers of the King's Bench to-day by the appearance Scandinavian countries, held to-day, of Viscount French, formerly commandceremonies and organization. Nothing France, as a witness in the libel action definite is expected to result before brought by George Gordon Moore, of Saturday, which probably will be the Detroit, against Hulton & Co., pubconcluding session. It will then possi- lishers of the Manchester "Evening Simms, in the Men's Night Court last

feel they can go further than a discus. ticle accusing Mr. Moore of betraying Italy declared war on Austria. More-The conference was suggested by the French. After evidence had been given withdraw his forces from their four-King of Sweden. Its purpose is a general discussion of the commercial diffiwithdraw all charges and apologized.

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withdraw his forces from their fourroom citadel at 1012 Manhattan Avenue
and resort to diplomatic action.

The result of Bennino's diplomacy
Staats-Zeitung," printed in that paper culties which the war has brought to The case was then withdrawn on terms was that he was awarded a divorce and

any military secrets Lord French replied emphatically, "There is not a shadow of foundation in such a charge.

Lord French testified further that Mr.

Moore rendered valuable services gratuitously and continuously, and on occasion of some danger to himself. Mr. Moore testified that after he had made a speech in Detroit advocating the cause of the Allies he received letters threatening his life. He said he had not a single friend or family connection with a drop of German blood in his veins.

After the defendants had explained that the publication of the libellous article was due to the indiscretion of a sub-editor and offered a full apology the case was withdrawn.

Germany's Benail.

STOP WAR SUPPLIES.

### SHE AN AUSTRIAN, HE ITALIAN, COP NEUTRAL

Wife and Her Mother Pay Indemnity: Husband Gets Child. Italy had not been drawn into the European maelstrom when Michael Beninno was married to Mary Bauman, quently, the Italian thought he was getting only a wife. It was but a short time later, however, that a sudden change in the European situation convinced Bennino that he had married a

The luckless Italian told Magistrate night, that his wife began open hos-The alleged libel consisted of an ar- tilities against him on the day that

the Scandinavian nations, and also to obtain concerted action in dealing with the belligerent powers.

The suggestion persists that the conference may be the forerunner of a complete understanding, if not an active alliance, of all the neutral countries in dealing with the belligerents.

No one connected with the conference, however, would saw anything, other in practices in based on the suggestion of the case was then withdrawn on terms was that he was awarded a divorce and custody of his child by some judge whose name he had forgotten. He went to the Manhattan Avenue address last night to claim the booty, he said, and the Austrian forces set upon him and were driving him back when Patrolman Piplow interfered. In the Men's Night of General French for some years and that he had visited him at headquarters that he had visited him at headquarters the however, would saw anything, other associated in husiness undertaking.

# PUT UP TO U.S.

This Nation to Act in

That the United States should offer

The letter from Professor Francke, utable to train operation. The University on Philology, is printed in English, with comment of Bernard H. Ridder, editor of the "Staats-Zeitung," and headed "America's Duty to Eu-

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Professor Francke Asks Germany's Behalf.

THREAT TO ENGLISH

Would Restore Belgium and Northern France Under Terms to End Strife.

peace proposals on behalf of Germany. by war, if necessary; that to Great might better cease our protestation and her Allies this country a desire for peace." should declare its willingness to submit to the enemies of England peace pro- TUBES HAVE SAFETY RECOR posals, with the demand that Germany and her Allies be left inviolate and as- Hudson Tunnels Carry 400,000,000 sured a sound economic basis for 'peaceful development," and that if the offer be declined by England she slightest fear as they plunge und shall be forced to accept by the cutting Hudson River toward Manhattan. off of the supply of munitions, are pro- ing the eight years that the tub cation to the editor of the "New York | Company have ben in operation Staats-Zeitung," printed in that paper

who will be remembered as the author | medal presented by the Traveler's of "A German-American's Confession surance Company each year to of Faith," and is lecturing at Harvard American employer who has does

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tablishment of some sort of Polist dependence" should be made a ject for negotiations between the ligerents for which the United so cannot assume responsibility, says further that should this of

emies in every possible way, emit the risk of war to force you to a conditions of peace."

Again the precise definitions of terms in the proposal to Great But shall be left to the belligerent, the punishment in case of refusal a cutting off of munitions and "all of war supplies." Over the signature of the edite

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i cupful sugar
3 egg-yolks
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1 juice of 1 orange.
1 cupful bread-flour
Few grains of salt

Beat the egg-yolks till creamy, add the sugar, and blend thoroughly. Measure the orange juice and add water, if necessary, to make a half-cupful of liquid. Mix the baking powder with the flour, and add alternately to first mixture with the orange juice. Fold in the egg-whites beaten stiff. Bake in layers about five minutes in a hot oven; reduce the heat and cook more slowly till the cake is done-about fifteen minutes in all. Put together and ice with orange frosting, or use a

jelly or whipped-cream filling, and sprinkle pow-dered sugar over the top. This